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*Smallpox in Greenwood, Miss.*GREENWOOD, MISS., *February 21, 1900.*

SIR: Statement of smallpox situation here is as follows: Negro population, 1,448; white population, 1,300. Total number of cases to date, negroes, 484; white, 23. Total number of deaths to date, negroes, 12; white, 3. Total number of vaccinations, 2,681. Variolous cases previously vaccinated, 311. Mortality rate, white, 13 per cent; negroes, 2½ per cent. Percentage of negro population who have had smallpox, 33½. Percentage vaccinated previously, 64.

Respectfully,

D. S. HUMPHREYS,  
*City Health Officer.**Smallpox in West Virginia—Quarantine and mail service.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 15, 1900.*

SIR: The situation regarding the alleged epidemic of smallpox in the State of West Virginia has assumed such proportions as to make it appear that this office is warranted in acquainting you with such facts as have come to its attention, it further appearing that this Department will be compelled to call upon you for assistance to allay the alarm felt by the people, and to secure permission of local quarantine boards to permit of the forwarding of mails which have been properly disinfected.

Some two weeks ago reports began to reach this office of the prevalence of the alleged smallpox in the counties of Calhoun, Ritchie, and Gilmer, all interior counties. Strict quarantine regulations were established in all of these counties, which have their mail supply almost altogether from star routes. At some points the carriers were not permitted to travel at all, and the quarantine was particularly rigid at Smithville, in Ritchie County, a junction of two of the most important star routes in the State, and where a large amount of mail is transferred. This Department has made every effort, by fumigation and otherwise, to quiet the alarm and permit the mails to go through, with the result that the quarantine at Smithville was raised some days ago, and the counties of Calhoun and Ritchie are now giving very little trouble; however, the excitement has grown to large proportions in the counties of Gilmer, Lewis, Upshur, and Webster, and to a lesser degree in Braxton. The alarm appears to be greatest regarding the county of Upshur, and particularly the town of Buckhannon, which is the county seat. The city of Elkins, in Randolph County, on the 10th instant, established a quarantine, the order concerning which reads as follows:

## SMALLPOX—ORDER OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

FEBRUARY 9, 1900.

Whereas, the board of health of the city of Elkins is advised that smallpox prevails in many communities in dangerous proximity to this city, and deems it highly important that the disease be prevented from reaching this city.

Therefore, it is ordered by said board of health that from and after this date until the further order of this board, no person from the counties of Gilmer, Lewis, Harrison, Calhoun, or Fayette, in this State, or from the town of Buckhannon, in the county of Upshur, or the town of Camden-on-the-Gauley, in Webster County, in this State, shall come into or pass through the city of Elkins;

That no goods or merchandise, by any conveyance whatever, shall be brought into or taken through said city of Elkins from any place or territory above mentioned;

That no person now within the corporate limits of said city of Elkins shall visit any of the places or counties above mentioned and thereafter return to said city of Elkins;

That all communication, except by telephone or telegraph, is prohibited by persons